

Sense of the Senate  
Regarding Military Readiness

*Findings:*

The Secretary of the Air Force stated that the United States Air Force's top unfunded readiness priority for fiscal year 2000 was its aircraft spares and repair parts account and top Air Force officers have said that getting more spares is a top priority to improve readiness rates;

The Chief of Naval Operations stated that the aircraft spares and repair parts account a top readiness priority important to the long term health of the Navy;

The General Accounting Office's study of personnel retention problems in the armed services cited shortages of spares and repair part as a major reason why people are leaving the services;

The fiscal year 2001 budget request decreases the Air Force's spares and repair parts account by 13 percent from fiscal year 2000 expected levels:

The fiscal year 2001 budget request decreases the Navy's spares and repair parts account by 6 percent from the fiscal year 2000 expected levels;

*Sense of the Senate*

It is the Sense of the Senate that the functional totals in the budget resolution assume that the Congress will protect the Department of Defense's readiness accounts, including spares and repair parts, and operations and maintenance, and use the requested levels as the minimum baseline for fiscal year 2001 authorization and appropriations.

VOTE ON: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

YEA

NAY

*by voice vote*

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